In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compressor of a multiplier comprising:

a first compressor, wherein said first compressor comprises:

a first plurality of inputs;

a first summation output;

a first carry bit output; ~~and~~

a first plurality of transistor paths connecting each of said first plurality of inputs to said summation output, wherein a first compressor critical transistor stage path level within said first compressor is less than seven;

a second carry bit output;

a second plurality of transistor paths connecting each of said first plurality of inputs to said second carry bit output; and

a successive compressor, wherein said successive compressor comprises:

a second plurality of inputs;

a second summation output; and

said compressor of a multiplier further comprising:

a plurality of successive transistor paths connecting at least one of said first plurality of inputs to said first carry bit output of said first compressor, connecting said first carry bit output to at least one of said second plurality of inputs between said first compressor and said second compressor and connecting at least one of the second plurality of inputs to said second summation output of said successive compressor, wherein a successive compressor critical transistor stage path level within said successive compressor is less than eight;

wherein each of said first plurality of transistor paths, each of said second plurality of transistor paths, and each of said plurality of successive transistor paths comprises a plurality of switches and a plurality of inverters;

wherein said switches and said inverters form a plurality of logic stages for each of said first plurality of inputs; and

wherein a first compressor critical logic stage path level is three within said first compressor and a successive compressor critical logic stage path level is three within said successive compressor.

2 to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The compressor of claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein at least one of said logic stages for at least one of said first plurality of inputs is a transfer gate XOR stage and at least one of said logic stages for at least one of said first plurality of inputs is a transfer gate XNOR stage.

6. (Currently Amended) The compressor of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein when one of said first plurality of inputs is connected to a source of one said switches, said input is not connected to a gate of another of said switches, and when one of said first plurality of inputs is connected to a gate of one said switches, said input is not connected to a source of another of said switches.

7. (Currently Amended) The compressor of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein a drain of each of said switches is not connected to a source of another of said switches.

8. (Currently Amended) The compressor of claim 4 1, wherein when one of said inverters within one of said logic stages is connected

to a source of one of said switches within the same logic stage as said inverter, said inverter is not connected to a gate of another of said switches within the same logic stage as said inverter, and when one of said inverters within one of said logic stages is connected to a gate of one of said switches within the same logic stage as said inverter, said inverter is not connected to a source of another of said switches within the same logic stage as said inverter.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A compressor of ~~claim 2,~~ a multiplier comprising:

a first compressor, wherein said first compressor comprises:

a first plurality of inputs;

a first summation output;

a first carry bit output;

a first plurality of transistor paths connecting each of said first plurality of inputs to said summation output, wherein a first compressor critical transistor stage path level within said first compressor is less than seven;

a second carry bit output;

a second plurality of transistor paths connecting each of said first plurality of inputs to said second carry bit output; and

a successive compressor, wherein said successive compressor comprises:

a second plurality of inputs;

a second summation output; and

said compressor of a multiplier further comprising:

a plurality of successive transistor paths connecting at least one of said first plurality of inputs to said first carry bit

output of said first compressor, connecting said first carry bit output to at least one of said second plurality of inputs between said first compressor and said second compressor and connecting at least one of the second plurality of inputs to said second summation output of said successive compressor, wherein said first compressor critical transistor stage path level within said first compressor is six and said successive compressor critical transistor stage path level within said successive compressor is seven.

11. (Original) The compressor of claim 10, wherein a number of said first plurality of inputs is five.

12. (Currently Amended) The compressor of claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein a first compressor critical logic stage path level is less than four and a successive compressor critical logic stage path level is less than four.

13. (Currently Amended) The compressor of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein a number of binary ones in the first plurality of inputs is the sum of two times the first carry bit output, two times the second carry bit output, and the summation output.

14. (Original) The compressor of claim 13, wherein the summation output, the second carry bit output, and the first carry bit output, are logically expressed as

$$So = ((Bi \oplus Ci) \oplus (Di \oplus Ai)) \oplus Xi;$$

$$Co = ((Bi \oplus Ci) \oplus (Di \oplus Ai)) \cdot Xi + \overline{((Bi \oplus Ci) \oplus (Di \oplus Ai))} \cdot Ai; \text{ and}$$

$$Xo = (Bi \oplus Ci) \cdot Di + \overline{(Bi \oplus Ci)} \cdot Bi.$$

Claims 15 to 36. (Canceled)